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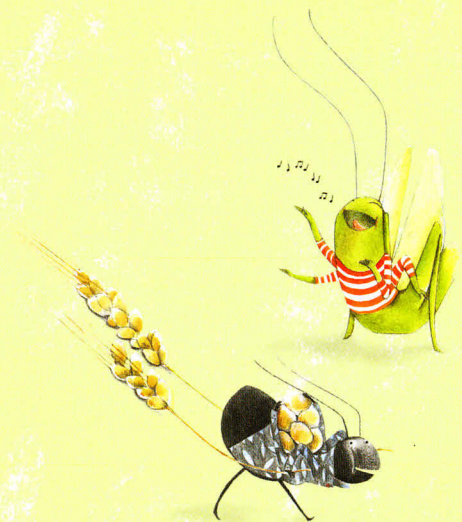
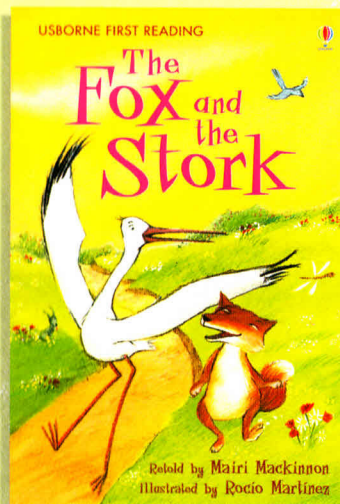
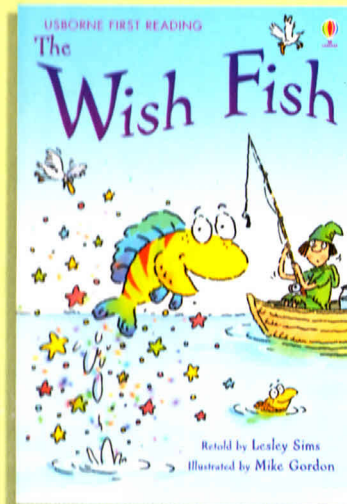
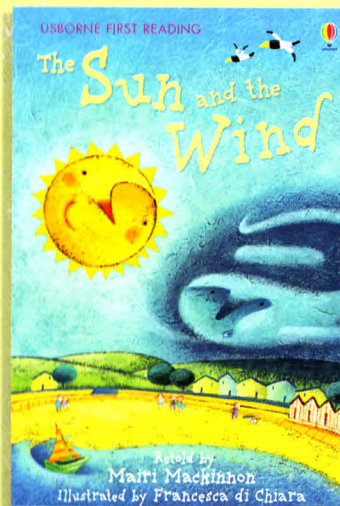
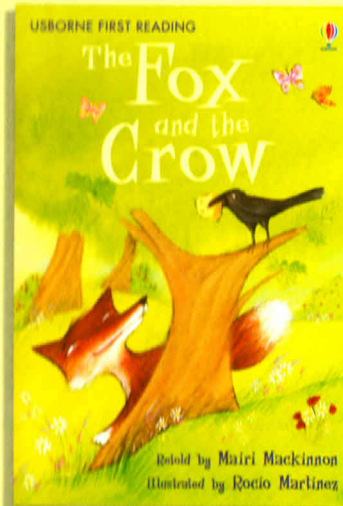
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Based on a story by Aesop







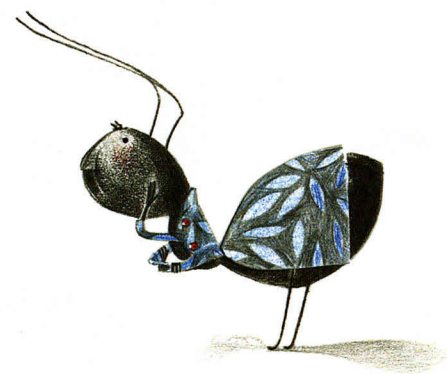




“Play with me,”  
says Grasshopper.



“I can’t,” says Ant.







I need food  
for the  
winter.



But it's  
summer!





“Winter will come,”  
says Ant.

“And you will  
be hungry.”

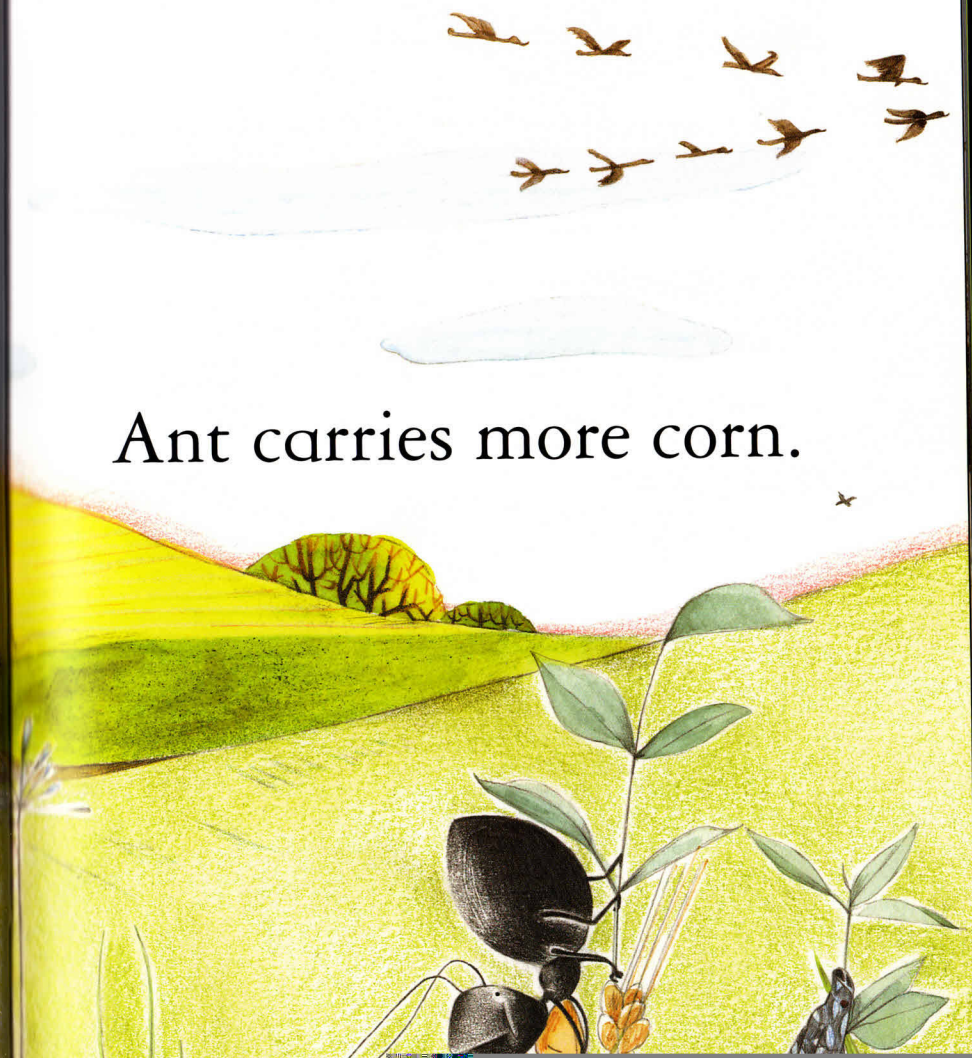




Grasshopper laughs  
and sings.

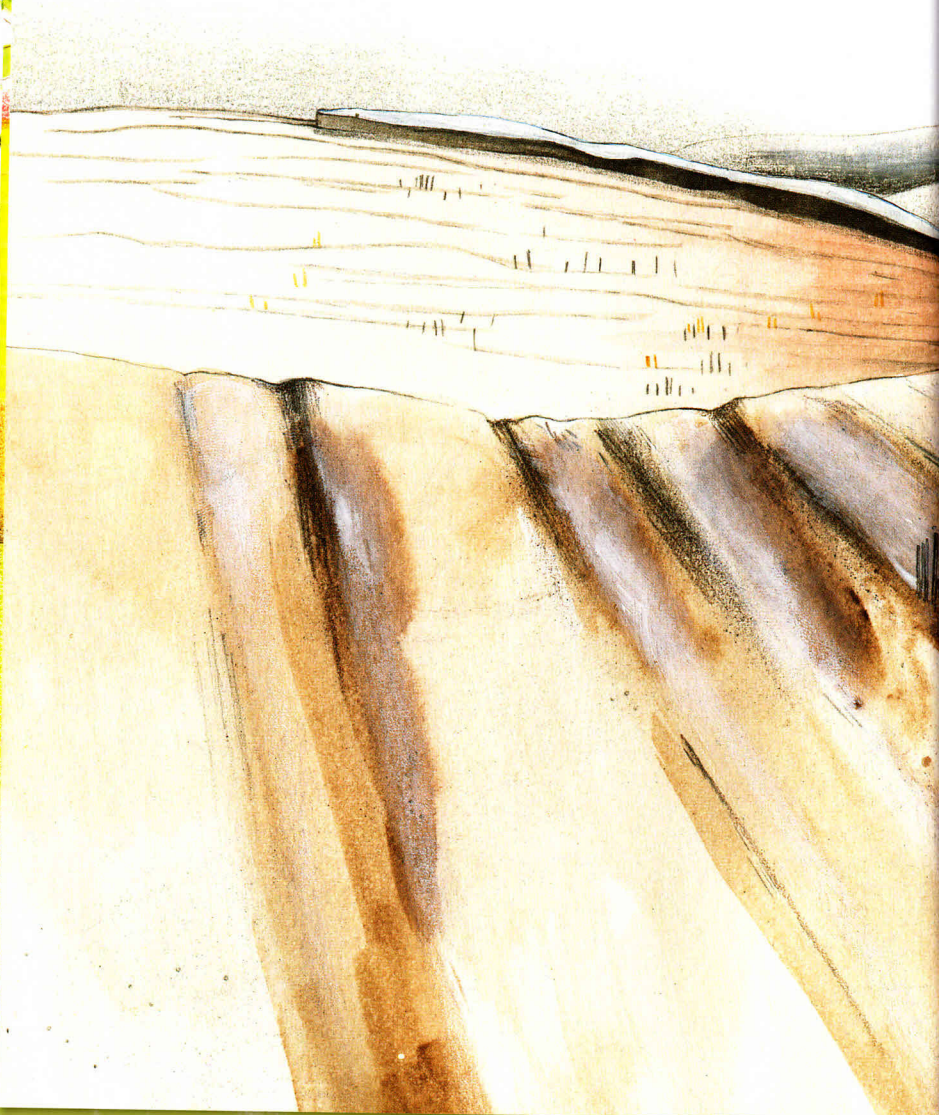


Ant carries more corn.





Winter comes.





Ant is happy.



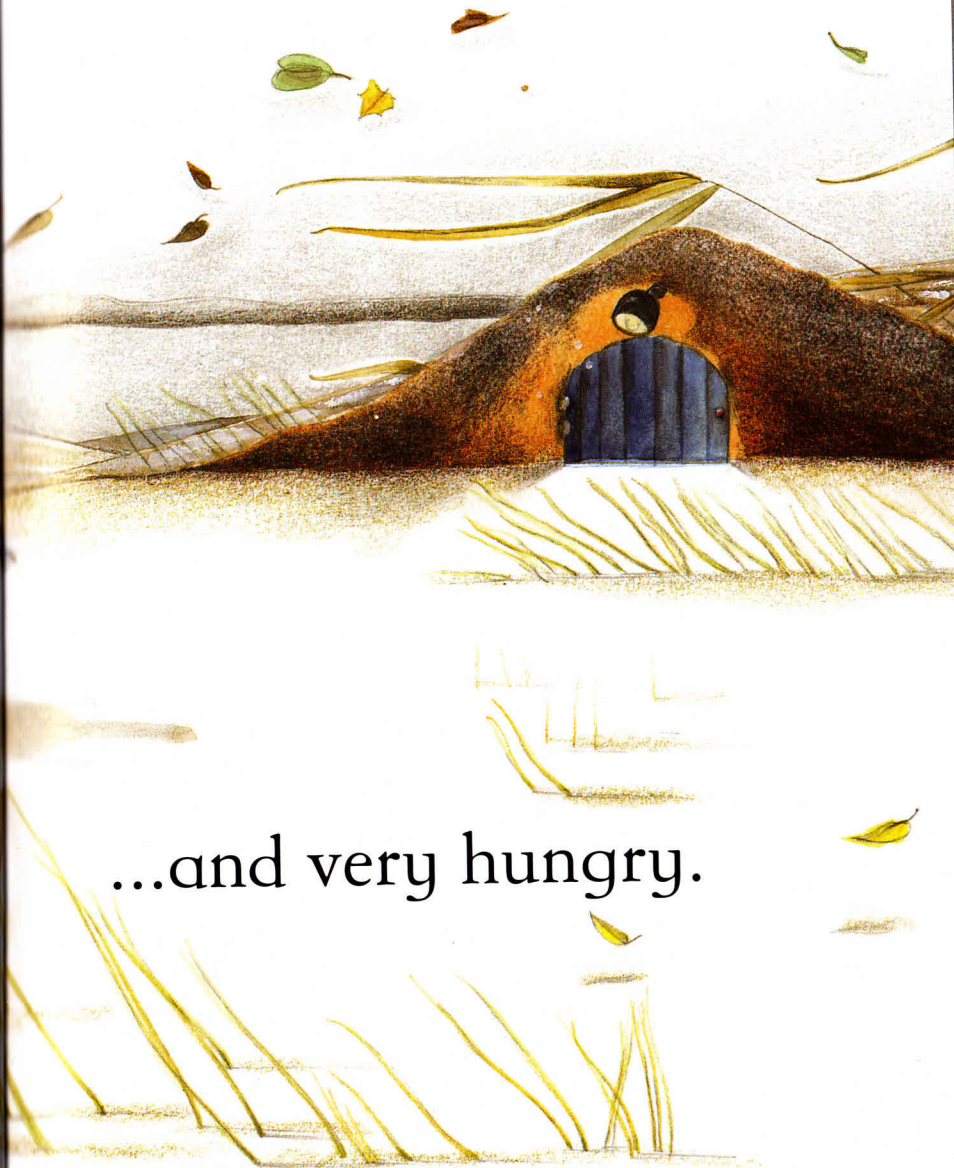


Grasshopper is cold...



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...and very hungry.



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“Come inside,” says Ant.



“Thank you,” says  
Grasshopper.





# PUZZLES

## Puzzle 1

What is Grasshopper doing?  
Match the words to  
the pictures.



A



B



C



D



feeling cold

singing

resting

talking





## Puzzle 2

Help Grasshopper spot  
the differences. There are  
six to find.





# Puzzle 3

Choose the best sentence in each picture.

A



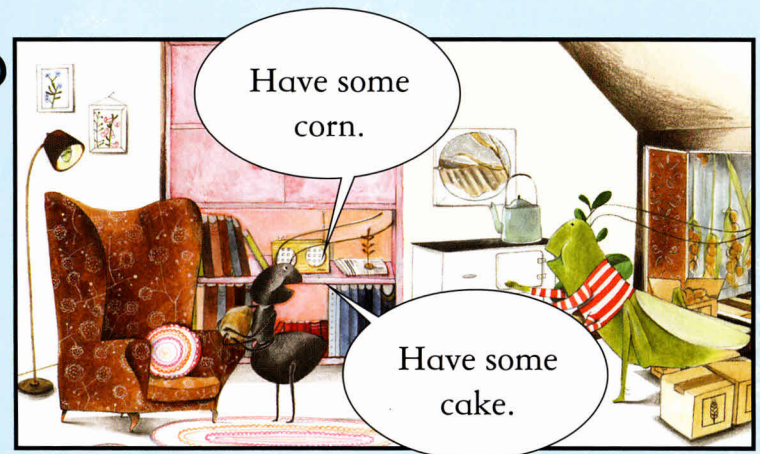
B



C



D





# Answers to puzzles

## Puzzle 1

A



singing

B



resting

C



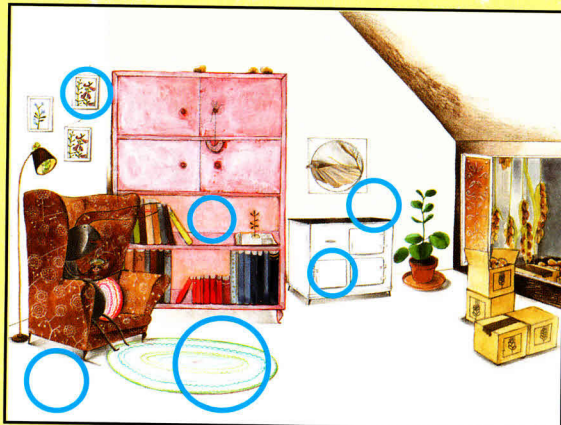
talking

D



feeling cold

## Puzzle 2



## Puzzle 3

A



Stop working.

C



I'm hungry.

B



I love singing.

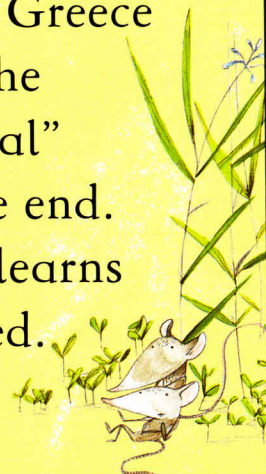
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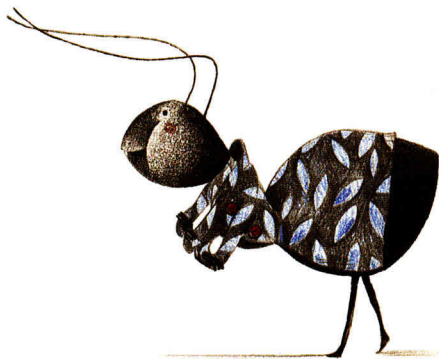
Have some corn.

## About the story

*The Ant and the Grasshopper* is one of Aesop's Fables, a collection of stories first told in Ancient Greece around 4,000 years ago. The stories always have a "moral" (a message or lesson) at the end. In this story, Grasshopper learns that it is best to be prepared.








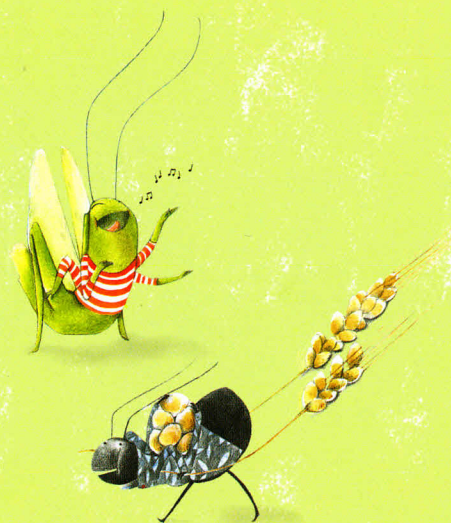
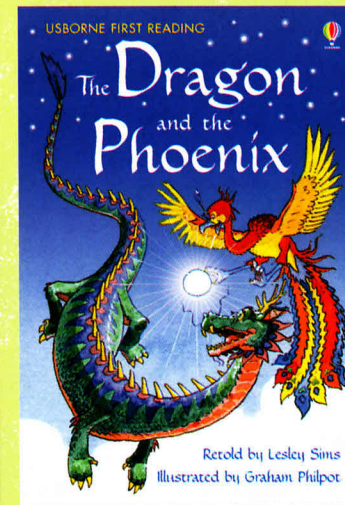
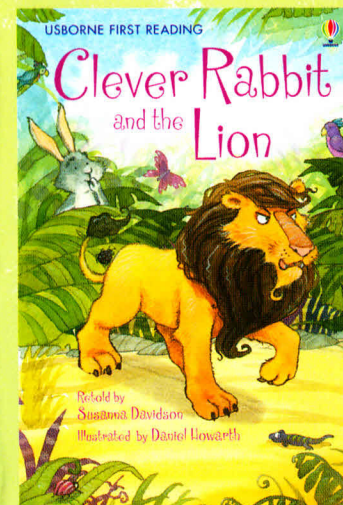
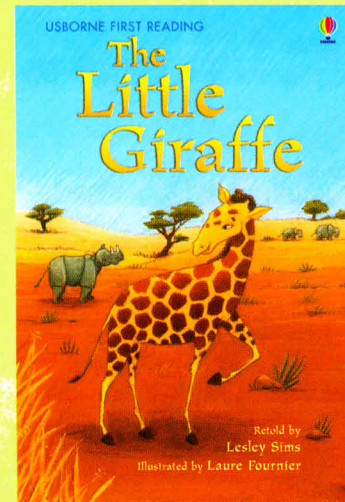
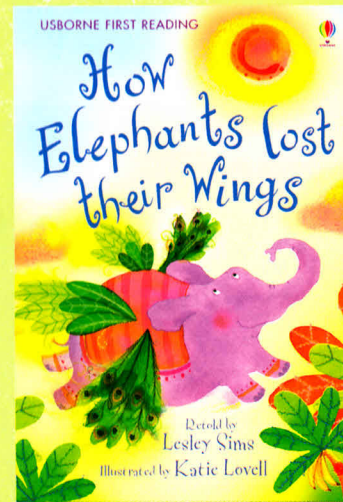
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